

**875—10.4(88) Exception for hexavalent chromium exposure in metal and surface finishing job shops.** Prior to December 31, 2008, for employers that comply with the requirements of this rule, the labor commissioner shall enforce respiratory protection provisions only with respect to employees who fall into one of the six categories outlined in Paragraph 4, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.1026, except that the phrase “Exhibit B to this Agreement” shall refer to Exhibit B, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.1026. This exception is limited to the narrow circumstances outlined below and shall expire on May 31, 2010.

**10.4(1) Eligibility.** An employer’s facility is eligible for this exception if the employer is a member of the Surface Finishing Industry Council or the facility is a surface-finishing or metal-finishing job shop that sells plating or anodizing services to other companies.

**10.4(2) Participation.** To be covered by this exception, eligible employers must complete and submit a Declaration of Participation via mail to the Labor Commissioner, 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or via facsimile to (515)281-7995. Declarations of Participation must be postmarked or received on or before April 7, 2007. Each declaration shall apply only to one facility. Declaration of Participation forms are available at <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/iosh/index.html> or by calling (515)242-5870.

**10.4(3) Applicability.** This exception applies only to surface- and metal-finishing operations within covered facilities.

**10.4(4) Feasible engineering controls.** Participating employers must implement feasible engineering controls necessary to reduce hexavalent chromium levels at their facilities to or below five micrograms per cubic meter of air calculated as an eight-hour, time-weighted average by December 31, 2008. In fulfilling this obligation, participating employers may select from the engineering and work practice controls listed in Exhibit A, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.1026, or may adopt other controls.

**10.4(5) Employee training.** Participating employers shall train their employees in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR 1910.1026(l)(2). Using language the employees can understand, participating employers will also train their employees on the provisions of this exception no later than June 7, 2007.

**10.4(6) Compliance and monitoring.** Participating employers shall comply with the requirements set forth in Paragraphs 3 and 4, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.1026, except that as used in Appendix A:

- a. The acronym “OSHA” shall refer to the labor commissioner;
- b. The word “Company” shall refer to employers participating in this exception;
- c. The word “Agreement” shall refer to this rule; and
- d. The phrase “Exhibit B to this Agreement” shall refer to Exhibit B, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.1026.